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SUBJECT: LOS: USG POSITION ON QUOTE NON-INDEPENDENT PEIOPLES UNQUOTE
BECOMING SIGNATORIES TO LOS CONVENTION

REF: STATE 185850

1. ON AUGUST 3 DCM MADE POINTS IN REFTTEL TO ACTING
SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NORRISH, STRESSING THAT USG
ATTACHES GREAT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO ISSUE AND TO
RELATE PROBLEM OF ANY TREATY CLAUSE ON RESOURCE RIGHTS
OF LOCAL INAHBITANTS. LEFT IMPRESSION THAT OUR ABILITY
TO RATIFY LAW OF SEA TREATY COULD BE AFFECTED. ALSO
EMPHASIZED USG STRONG INTEREST THAT CONCERNS OF COOK
ISLANDS BE RESOLVED IN BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT AND NOT
IN LOS TREATY.

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2. AFTER CONSULTING MFA EXPERTS, NORRISH TOLD EMBASSY ON AUGUST 6 THAT NEW ZEALAND UNTIL NOW HAD FOLLOWED AN EASIER LINE TOWARDS NON-STATES SIGNING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. NORRISH SAID GNZ WELCOMED USG STRONGLY INTEREST THAT CONCERNS OF COOK ISLANDS BE RESOLVED IN BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT. NEW ZEALAND HAD HAD ITS DIFFICULTIES WITH COOK ISLANDS' PRIME MINISTER SIR ALBERT HENRY, BUT TO DAY NEW ZEALAND HAD GONE ALONG WITH THE COOK ISLANDS' SIGNING SEPARATELY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS SO LONG AS ALL OTHER SIGNATORIES WERE AGREE-ABLE.

3. NORRISH SAID MFA FULLY APPRECIATED GREAT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE UNITED STATES ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION TO LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT VERY CLOSELY WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION IN AN EFFORT TO BE AS HELPFUL TO THE UNITED STATES AS POSSIBLE. KILLGORE

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